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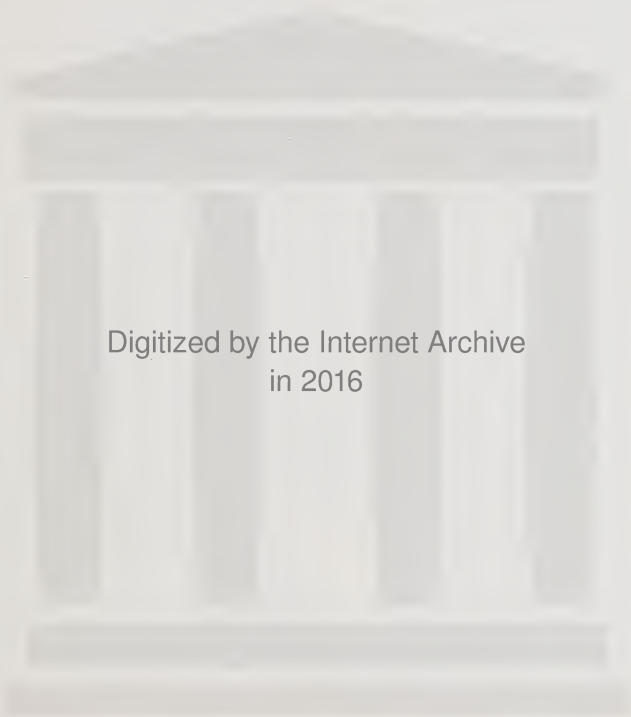
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Biography

THOMAS MILLET HAND was born in Cape May, N. J., July 7, 1902; attended the public schools; was graduated from Cape May High School in 1919, and from Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa., in 1922; was admitted to the bar in 1924 and commenced practice in Cape May City, N. J.; clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Cape May County, N. J., 1924–1928; prosecutor of the pleas of Cape May County, 1928–1933; mayor of Cape May, N. J., 1937–1944; publisher of the Cape May Star and Wave from 1940 until his death; also a partner in the Mecray, Hand Company, a real-estate and insurance business; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-ninth and to the five succeeding Congresses and had been reelected November 6, 1956, to the Eighty-fifth Congress; served from January 3, 1945, until his death in Cold Spring, N. J., December 26, 1956; remains were cremated at Ewing Cemetery, Trenton, N. J., and interred in Cold Spring, N. J.

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Proceedings in the House

THURSDAY, *January 3, 1957.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty and ever-blessed God, on this 1st day of the 85th Congress, we are earnestly beseeching Thee that we may always be humble in spirit as we daily approach Thee with prayers and petitions for strength and wisdom and our many needed blessings.

Inspire us with this same spirit of humility, not only in our approach unto Thee, but in every appraisal that we make of ourselves and our resources to discharge faithfully the duties and responsibilities of our high vocation.

We pray that in the sphere of human relationships and all our associations, as colleagues and comrades in a grand and glorious mission, we may manifest a spirit that is gracious and generous in its appreciations, magnanimous and sympathetic in its attitudes, considerate and charitable in its judgments.

Grant that our President, our Speaker, our chosen Representatives, and all Government employees may be the humble and obedient servants of Thy divine will in the great adventure of mediating to mankind the principles of democracy and the spirit of peace and brotherhood.

Hear us in the name of the meek and lowly man of Galilee who hath taught us to say:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into tempta-

tion, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, it becomes my sad duty to inform the membership of the House of the sudden demise of our esteemed and distinguished colleague, T. MILLET HAND. An opportunity will be asked at a later date in order that Members so desiring may pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 15) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. T. MILLET HAND, a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I move that as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 53 minutes p. m.), pursuant to its previous order, the House adjourned until Saturday, January 5, 1957, at 12 o'clock noon.

THURSDAY, *January 10, 1957.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

(S. Res. 8)

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. T. MILLET HAND, late a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, *January 16, 1957.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, as we again assemble in this Chamber, wilt Thou beget in us that more beneficent spirit which never seeks Thy blessings merely for our own personal pleasure and profit but for the welfare of all mankind.

Show us how we may give courage and consolation to all whose heads are bowed low by the blows of adversity and who mourn in secret behind a smiling face.

We pray that our minds and hearts may be filled with those higher impulses and nobler instincts that will counteract every selfish and self-centered spirit which tends to disintegrate our social order.

Grant that daily our character may resemble and grow into the likeness of our blessed Lord and bear testimony to our kinship with Him.

In His name we offer our prayers. Amen.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, it was with a deep sense of sorrow that I learned of the decease of our esteemed and distinguished colleague, T. MILLET HAND, on December 26, 1956.

The news of his sudden departure came as a surprise to his many friends. There had been nothing immediately preceding his demise to indicate that there was any likelihood of such a happening. It was a strange coincidence that I and many of his close personal friends received through the

mail on the day following his decease cards bearing the wishes of himself and his splendid wife for each of us to enjoy a happy New Year. The postmark on these cards showed that they had left the post office in his home city of Cape May, N. J., at 2:30 p. m., on December 26, 1956. This indicated that our colleague had mailed these cards just an hour or two before he passed away. It was characteristic of the kindly feeling that was ever prevalent upon the part of MILLET that in these closing moments of his life, unconscious of how close that end was at the time, he thought in terms of the future happiness of his friends. Thus, these wishes for our future happiness came as a message from our departed colleague and friend in the Great Beyond.

Our colleague, MILLET HAND, during his comparative short life of 54 years, lived a life of great usefulness. Born in Cape May, N. J., July 7, 1902, son of Albert Reeves Hand and Sara Millet Hand, he was educated in the public schools of that city, graduated from Dickinson School of Law with and LL. B. degree, in 1922. He immediately became an active practitioner. His ability and active interest in the law were recognized by his fellow practitioners who elected him president of the Cape May Bar Association. As such, and as a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and as a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, he rendered distinguished service.

Early in life Mr. HAND became identified actively with the business, civic, and political life of his community. He became owner and publisher of the Cape May Wave, an outstanding newspaper of Cape May County, and became identified with other business interests of that locality.

After his entrance into political activity, Mr. HAND was elected clerk of the board of freeholders of Cape May County and served in that capacity during 1924–28. In this latter year he was appointed prosecutor of Cape May County and served for a period of 5 years, 1928–33. In 1937 he was elected mayor of Cape May and served until 1944. On No-

vember 7, 1944, he was elected to the 79th Congress as Representative from the Second Congressional District of New Jersey, and was reelected to the 80th, 81st, 82d, 83d, 84th, and 85th Congresses. His sudden demise prevented him from assuming the duties of the 85th Congress to which he had been so recently elected.

Thus, it will be seen that from the early age of 22 years, and until his decease, MILLET HAND had been politically active and filled many offices of a public character. In each instance he served with a fidelity and ability that won for him the approbation of the people whom he served. He was faithful and conscientious in every capacity in which he had been called to serve. His sincerity of purpose was manifest in each instance.

His record as a Member of Congress was outstanding. He had shown a deep interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the constituency he represented. He was a close student of all the problems that confronted him during his service in Congress, both domestic and foreign. He was ever intent on doing what he thought was best for the people he directly represented and for the people of our Nation as a whole He was not swayed by expediency at any time from what he thought was right. He had strong convictions and adhered to them at all times. Thus, the service he rendered to his constituency and the people of the Nation was sincere, honest, of distinguished character.

MILLET HAND had a host of friends among his colleagues. He was always friendly, jovial, and considerate. He was honored and respected because of his friendly personal qualities and because of his strong adherence at all times to his convictions. He was recognized by all as a man of strong character and who never deviated from the straight course of duty as he saw it. He leaves to us the inspiration that comes from association with a man of courage and devotion in the performance of public duty.

As an indication of the high regard in which he was held by those who knew his sterling qualities of mind and heart, is the fact that only a few days before his decease he had been accorded the honor of being endorsed by the Cape May County Republican executive committee as its candidate for Governor of New Jersey at the election to be held this year.

In his home life MILLET HAND was always a true and devoted husband and father; married in 1930 to Mary Mercer Worth, of Philadelphia, who died leaving one child, T. Millet Hand, Jr.; he married in 1950, Elizabeth Frost Spang, of Cape May. To his mother, son, and wife we extend our deep and sincere sympathy, trusting that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their loved one lived a useful and honorable life and died in the faith that gives assurance of life everlasting.

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and distressed by the sudden and untimely death of our able colleague from New Jersey, MILLET HAND.

A lawyer and publisher; president of the Cape May County Bar Association; member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for Cape May County; prosecuting attorney for Cape May County; mayor of the city of Cape May for 7 years; a member of this House for 12 years, his record of service to community, State, and Nation will always, I am sure, be a source of satisfaction to those close to him.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee of this House he showed very great ability. I enjoyed working with him as a member of that committee and greatly valued his friendship.

I join in heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hand and all those close to him.

He will be greatly missed by all his friends and colleagues.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, I would not want this occasion to pass without a word of tribute to our late colleague, the Honorable T. MILLET HAND, who served so ably for the

past 12 years as Representative from New Jersey's Second District. His sudden passing on December 26 was a great shock and he will be sorely missed. To his widow and two children, I extend my sincere sympathy.

When I became a Member of this body and made the acquaintance of Congressman HAND, I found him—from the very outset of our association—considerate, friendly, and kind in all his dealings with his fellow Representatives. He was always fair.

MILLET HAND's devoted public service included not only his 12-year record in the United States House of Representatives, but as lawyer, newspaper publisher, county prosecutor, and mayor of Cape May, N. J., he contributed unstintingly of his time and effort to the civic growth of his community, State, and Nation. In spite of the fact that his professional duties throughout his life required close attention, he always had extra time to spend for the benefit of others.

On February 28, 1955, in a speech in Wildwood, N. J., MILLET HAND said, and I quote:

> You and all of us must continue to guard our inalienable rights, remembering that to secure them is the highest purpose of government.

His own words indicate the degree of patriotic devotion he constantly strived to reach.

Congressman HAND will be long remembered by the Members of the Congress who were privileged to know him and work with him. Somewhere I have read the following paragraph which clearly illustrates his value as an active citizen of this great Nation:

> Do good and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with, year by year; and you will never be forgotten. Your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind, as the stars on the brow of the evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in their expression of great personal loss on the death of our good and dear friend, MILLET HAND. All who knew him were deeply shocked at his untimely passing. Those of us who represent the great State of New Jersey in the House feel the loss in an especial manner inasmuch as he was one of our number.

MILLET'S passing is a loss to his district, his State, and the Nation, and I extend by deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and to his children.

Though we disagreed on many issues, I respected MILLET for his integrity, ability, and devotion to duty. He served with competence and zeal and fulfilled his responsibilities to his constituents with a real sense of dedication. The sterling quality of his character coupled with his capacity for friendship won MILLET the affection and esteem of all the Members on both sides of the aisle. His family can take pride in his splendid record of unselfish, patriotic service.

His passing leaves a great void to his countless friends. He will be sorely missed and long remembered by his colleagues in Congress.

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLVERTON. I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, MILLET HAND was not only my personal friend, but one of my close associates on the Foreign Operations Subcommittee on Appropriations. I know of no Member of that subcommittee who worked any harder or contributed any more of his time and talent than MILLET HAND. His advice, help, and good counsel will be missed by this subcommittee and by the full committee.

Even though MILLET HAND came from a different part of the country and belonged to a different political party than mine, I learned years ago to respect MILLET HAND. It was my privilege to accompany this great Member of Congress on

some of his inspection trips down the mighty Mississippi River and its tributaries. Those who have observed MILLET HAND in action respect him for his sincerity and fair approach to the many problems he was confronted with in his duties as a Member of Congress.

MILLET HAND was a great American and a great legislator. He served his country and his fellow man well throughout his lifetime. I am saddened by the loss of a loyal friend as well as an able colleague and I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and family in their great loss.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished minority leader, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin].

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, I join with great sorrow Congressman Wolverton and my New Jersey colleagues in expressing deep regret and sorrow over the untimely death of MILLET HAND.

MILLET HAND was a fine and patriotic legislator. He served here in Congress with a single purpose and that was to contribute to the upbuilding of this great America of ours. While here he served on the important and hard-working Committee on Appropriations. Realizing the necessity for economy in government he stoutly fought for less spending, lower taxes, and balanced budgets. He knew the desirability of a sound economy. He was a man who was devoted to his State and to the Nation. We all are much poorer for his having gone at this untimely period. MILLET HAND was a fine legislator and a great American.

To his family I extend my deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Halleck].

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, I will always remember T. MILLET HAND as one of the most personable colleagues it

has been my privilege and pleasure to know during my time in the Congress of the United States.

His passing has shocked and saddened all of us.

Because his high competence was recognized by Members on both sides of the aisle, MILLET HAND could and did speak with force and authority whenever he came to the well of the House to deliver remarks.

His presentations to us in connection with his work on the Appropriations Committee were always meticulous and thorough, reflecting a high degree of understanding of the subject before us.

MILLET HAND's career in this body was the climax of many years devoted to the service of the public, both as a private citizen and as an officeholder in his home community, where he served with distinction.

I am confident that his constituents know, far better than we do, of the conscientious work he did in the interest of the district he so ably represented.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Boland].

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my distinguished colleague from New Jersey and the other Members of the New Jersey delegation and Members of the House in paying tribute to MILLET HAND.

I came to know MILLET HAND just 2 years ago when I served on the Public Works Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations. I found him to be one of the most faithful members in attendance both at committee hearings and at the sessions of the House. He was an intelligent man, a very kindly and very courteous man, especially in the treatment of witnesses. That, I think, exemplifies the manner of man he was. No matter what the political affiliation was of the men with whom he came in contact he respected their opinions and their right to express those opinions. It is no wonder that he was uniformly successful in this very difficult political life.

I express to Betty Hand and her family my deepest sympathy, because I knew that he was a very devoted husband and a very loving father.

It was my privilege just a few weeks before he passed away to have traveled to Chicago and San Francisco and Los Angeles with Betty and MILLET HAND. I came to know both of them as a very devoted pair. I came to know them as two people who had a very magnificent sense of humor, wonderful company, and fine companions.

I am privileged to join with the gentleman and the Members of the New Jersey delegation in paying tribute to a very dedicated American and an outstanding Member of Congress—a credit to his district, State and Nation, T. MILLET HAND, of New Jersey.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLVERTON. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, it is with deepest regret that we mark the untimely passing of our colleague from New Jersey, THOMAS MILLET HAND. His career in the House of Representatives, which began in 1944, was ended abruptly and prematurely. He will be sorely missed by his fellow Members, his constituency, and the citizens throughout our Nation for whom he tirelessly labored.

Born and reared in Cape May, N. J., T. MILLET HAND was initimate with the problems of the area and the people he served so faithfully throughout his life dedicated to public service. Trained in the law, he put his broad knowledge of the subject to work serving the people. As the clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Cape May County, he took his first step in his public career. Next he served as the prosecutor of pleas of Cape May County, and at a very early age was elected mayor of Cape May. A leader of his political party in the State of New Jersey, Mr. HAND was the competent vice chairman of the State Republican Committee.

While a Member of the House of Representatives, Mr. HAND wisely used his past experiences and education to the advantage of his country. He served on the congressional committee to study means of expanding the American merchant marine, and on the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Although he was always solicitous for his constituents, T. MILLET HAND's outlook was never narrow in scope. He unceasingly strove for his country and fellow citizens as a whole.

Nor were Mr. HAND's proficient services limited to governmental capacities; he was an active member in the fields of publishing and law. Following in his father's footsteps, he assumed and continued the publication of the Star and Wave, a weekly newspaper in Cape May. He was also an able editor in chief of the Law Review. In the field of law he practiced before the Supreme Courts of New Jersey and the United States.

THOMAS MILLET HAND was known as one of New Jersey's most popular Representatives, a reputation he earned through untiring work, faithfulness, and honest endeavor. He will long be remembered as a capable and earnest lawyer, publisher, mayor, and Representative in the Government of the United States, which he so faithfully served.

To his loved ones I extend my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLVERTON. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, the Congress will be poorer for the absence of MILLET HAND.

The Second District of New Jersey can ill spare his faithful service rendered over 12 critical years in our Nation's history.

MILLET was a Congressman with courage.

He was hard working—he was able—his thinking was sound and he had a great love for New Jersey and for America.

First as a member of the Merchant Marine Committee and then as a member of the Appropriations Committee he rendered fine service to his district and to the Nation.

Much as he loved to spend his time in his beloved Cape May, where he was born, where he had served as mayor, where he published a newspaper and practiced law, MILLET was conscientious and on the job both for committee meetings and for House sessions.

That his constituents appreciated his devotion to their welfare was shown by the increasing majorities by which they reelected him until this year when he received his greatest majority.

It is one of the rewarding experiences of serving in the Congress to have the privilege of working closely and intimately with such men as he. To his beloved wife, to his son, go out our deepest sympathy. We will miss him greatly.

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLVERTON. I yield to the gentleman from New York, the ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, and formerly its distinguished chairman.

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, MILLET HAND had served upon the Appropriations Committee for the last 4 years. He was a sincere student of the work before him and he gave it the very best that he had.

He had courage enough as a member of the Appropriations Committee to stand for what he thought was the right thing to do. Always he was on the job doing his utmost. There are few who took a more active interest and met the responsibilities of citizenship as did MILLET HAND. This makes us feel extremely sorry to see him go.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend to his widow and to his son my sincerest and deepest sympathy.

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOLVERTON. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I served on two subcommittees with our beloved deceased colleague, MILLET HAND. I learned to know his heartbeat, I learned to know him as a gentleman of the highest order who exercised the very highest type of Americanism in all his doings.

MILLET HAND had the courage of his convictions. He was a soft-spoken gentleman. There were times when someone in the committee would attempt to criticize his position, but MILLET HAND never became angry. He would answer in that soft-spoken, quiet, noble manner which characterized his whole life. He would thus unarm those who attempted to criticize him and he would gain their respect to the end that every Member on both sides loved, admired, and respected him.

My heart goes out to his widow and family in their hour of bereavement.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Bonner].

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, the many fine tributes that have been paid to MILLET HAND here today are well deserved and true. It has been my privilege to serve with him here in the House and on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries for many years. I found him to be a lovable character, a fine gentleman, and a truly devoted husband. He was conscientious about all his work here in the Congress. He was loyal to the country. He was fair and dealt justly with all who had matters before the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and before the House of Representatives. I had an opportunity to visit in his home and see the beautiful devotion between him and his wife, the lovely Betty. When I heard of his death it really hurt me, because I was devoted to him. I always will remember him with high regard and respect for such a wonderful character as he was.

As has been said, it is hard for the country to lose such a man, and it certainly will be a loss to this House. To his wife and family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Canfield].

Mr. CANFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I, too, mourn the loss of MILLET HAND, and my heart goes out to his dear wife Betty and his fine young son, Tom.

MILLET HAND was never one to shirk a difficult or unpleasant task when it fell within the line of duty. I recall his interest in serving on the House Appropriations Committee early in his career as a legislator and of asking my opinion and advice. I tried to give him the facts—that the Appropriations Committee was one vested with the great responsibility of holding the Nation's pursestrings—but that it was a committee that called for grueling, time-consuming work with few opportunities for making headlines or political fence building back in the home district. Brushing aside the lack of glamour and the personal sacrifices it would entail, HAND determinedly set his sights on the Appropriation Committee, and, later, as a member I found him to be one of the most conscientious and capable legislators with whom I have had the opportunity to serve.

MILLET HAND had a warm, outgoing personality and a sparkling sense of humor. His was that rare quality of being able to laugh at one's self, and I will never forget how this admirable trait helped to ease the tensions of that awful day when a handful of zealous fanatics raked the House floor with a burst of pistol fire. Questioned by the press after the shooting as to his actions at the time, HAND made no pretense at heroism or bravery but freely admitted "I dived under the seat." Then he added, "But I couldn't get under. Canfield was there first."

Actually, HAND was as brave as any man on the floor that day, and he lost no time in seeing what he could do to aid those who were injured.

The House has lost a fine legislator, the New Jersey delegation an outstanding member, and I have lost a good friend in the passing of MILLET HAND. May we never forget him; and may we all continue to profit by the example of humility, dignity, and dedication that in life he set before us.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Auchincloss].

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, it is always difficult to appraise the worth of a man after he is gone, especially if he has been a close and dear friend, one for whom you had respect and affection. How is one to go about such an appraisal with an unbiased mind and do real justice to the friend? It may be said he was a gentleman, devoted to the best in life; that he was a warm companion and an understanding soul. You may praise his patriotism and his loyalty to high standards of living; you may speak of his unselfishness and thoughtfulness for others; you may mention his cheerful disposition and his devotion to his family, his strong will and sound judgment, his sense of humor, and his dedication to his work. You may dwell at length on all these virtues, but you would not do full justice to MILLET HAND and the sterling character that he was.

May we who knew him, worked with him, and enjoyed his friendship rejoice in the privilege of that association and resolve to carry on with our work for our country with the same zeal and devotion as was his, so we, too, may earn the Master's "well done" and receive the same crown of glory which surely he received.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Horan].

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to join my colleagues from New Jersey and other Members of this earnest

body in extending sympathy to MILLET HAND'S widow and his son. Perhaps the phrase I may use now is worn out and yet we all know that an honest man has been proven to be the noblest work of God. Those of us who are in politics, and all of us are, appreciate a man who is not a demagog. MILLET HAND was an honest man. What he said you could depend upon. You could trust him. He was constant, sincere, and courageous.

We have lost a real companion and fellow worker in this body. I want to join all of the Members in paying respect to one who served faithfully and well here amongst us.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Osmers].

Mr. OSMERS. Mr. Speaker, on this sad occasion I join my colleagues in paying a tribute to that great statesman and Representative from New Jersey, T. MILLET HAND. His family has lost a fine husband and a father. We have lost a friend. His constituency has lost an able Representative. This body will find it difficult to fill the void that is here due to his passing.

As we meet today we can think back upon his wonderful qualities of humor, generosity, decency, and intelligence, remembering how often he used those wonderful qualities to advance the work of Congress and, if you will, to advance the cause of democratic government and the cause of free institutions that he loved so dearly.

I will always recall with pleasure my chance meetings with constituents from MILLET HAND'S district. At the mention of his name they were filled with pride and always gave evidence of the great respect in which he was held by those he represented.

Few men have I met in my years in Congress who so clearly understood the constitutional meaning of the office of Representative in Congress. In T. MILLET HAND this under-

standing was combined with warm, human qualities and the personal touch that he gave to all things.

Proud as he was of his party affiliation, he never hesitated, when conscience demanded, to cast his vote for what he considered best for his country regardless of any other consideration.

To his widow and his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Widnall].

Mr. WIDNALL. Mr. Speaker, my heart is full today when speaking about Representative T. MILLET HAND. There are others who possibly knew him better in his home community, as a member of a congressional committee, in business, or in the practice of law, but I had the privilege of knowing him well as a friend and as a colleague, and as one with whom I shared quarters for over a year in Washington. He was quiet, unostentatious, sincere. He had a grand sense of humor, principle, the highest integrity, and great strength of character. He was a man of purpose and determination, effective in presentation and persuasion. I know how carefully the other Members of the House listened when he took the floor to explain his position on legislation under discussion.

MILLET was one who wore well. As we learned to know him better, we increasingly admired his ability and his talents. During the year that I shared quarters with him in Washington, I grew to know his great love for his wife, for his family, and for his mother, his above-average ability as a Representative, and his unswerving devotion to what he believed was right. On legislation his position was not always the popular one, but his earnest conviction dominated his decision as to course.

We have lost an eminent colleague and his district has lost a Representative who has set a high standard for those who may seek to follow.

How I wish this day could be one of rejoicing and congratulation for the great victory MILLET won last fall. Instead, like all of you here, I mourn a true friend and colleague. I hope with all my heart that God will bring understanding and blessing to his beloved wife and family.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Frelinghuysen].

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to join my colleagues in mourning the passing of our good friend and colleague, MILLET HAND. It was almost exactly 4 years ago that as a new Member of Congress I participated in the eulogies to my predecessor, Representative Charles Eaton. Charles Eaton died at the end of a long and useful life. Today we are mourning the untimely passing of a man in the prime of his life. I think, therefore, that the sudden death of MILLET HAND at the age of 54 sharpens the keen sense of loss which we all feel.

There is much discussion about the advantage and disadvantages of a political career, and the advantages and disadvantages of being a Member of Congress. I think we can all say that one of the chief benefits of this life is the invaluable associations which we gain with our colleagues here.

MILLET HAND was certainly not a dramatic Member of Congress. He sought no headlines. He was very unassuming. But he had many invaluable qualities which endeared him to us all. He showed unfailing good judgment. His commonsense and conscientious approach to the many problems which he faced were very noticeable. His quiet sense of humor was always ready to relieve the heavier moments. He was considerate, he was intelligent, and he was above all dependable. He had that combination of a warm heart, a cool head, and a fine mind.

I certainly want to pay tribute to a real friend, and to express my deepest sympathy to his family on his sudden passing.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers].

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my very deep and profound sympathy to MILLET HAND'S beautiful widow and his very fine son. I know how proud he was of them and of their pride in him. I would also like to express my deepest sympathy for the great State of New Jersey in its tremendous loss. I know how he was regarded in New Jersey, and I know how he was regarded in the House of Representatives—admired by everybody—because his yea was yea—and his nay was nay—and he always fought for what he thought was right. He was modest and able. We all know of his very great accomplishments. I have a selfish feeling about his going also, because he was helping me, and had been helping me for the past 2 years, on a problem that is very close to me and to my district. He did it modestly and without expecting anything in return. MILLET HAND is gone. His physical being is gone but his spirit lives on, and that will be a blessing to us and to our country. We can ill spare him.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Evins].

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in paying a brief but sincere tribute to our late departed friend and colleague, T. MILLET HAND, of New Jersey. This body and our Nation has lost a dedicated public servant in his passing from our midst.

It has been my good fortune to work with MILLET HAND, as a member of the Committee on Appropriations where we served together, and especially as a member of the subcommittee on public works appropriations we came to know each other more intimately. I admired his diligence and his application to duty. He was always faithful and had a conscientious regard for his responsibilities. We agreed on many matters and there were other matters, of course, on

which we did not agree, but I must commend MILLET for his consistency of purpose. He was always endeavoring to seek out the chaff from the wheat, so to speak, and to eliminate expenditures that he considered excessive in the budget. In matters of appropriations, he sought to practice constant economy. He was a true representative of his people of the State of New Jersey. He often spoke of the great district which he represented, and he was devoted to serving this great Atlantic City and Seaboard District. He was interested in the work of the Beach Erosion Board, and was perhaps the greatest authority and one of the most qualified Members of this body in this important field of public works. I shall miss him and I join my colleagues in extending to Mrs. Hand and the members of his family my most sincere expression of sympathy in the loss which they have sustained, and which we all have sustained in his passing.

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, for the third time in the last week, I rise to pay tribute to a colleague taken from us by death since the adjournment of the 84th Congress. The 5-month period between the adjournment of the 84th Congress and the convening of the 85th has taken a very heavy—an unusually heavy toll of our membership.

The sudden death last month of our colleague, T. MILLET HAND, of the State of New Jersey, while he was apparently in perfect health came as a sad shock to all of his friends. MILLET HAND had been a Member of the House since 1945. During that period, he endeared himself to all the membership of this body as well as to everyone with whom he came in contact. In the 79th Congress, I had the privilege of sitting next to Mr. HAND on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. I learned then what a diligent and effective Member of the House he was. He never overlooked any interests of his constituency. And although I was not

fortunate enough to serve with Mr. HAND on any committee after the 79th Congress, I know that he was equally diligent wherever he served.

Mr. HAND had a peculiarly attractive personality. He had a most lovable character and a fine intellectual endowment. He made a splendid record in Congress. No one who knew him will ever forget him. Personally, I shall miss him a great deal.

I extend my sincere sympathy to his widow, his mother, and his son.

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, on a personal basis, I am deeply saddened by the sudden passing of my close friend, MILLET HAND, who occupied an office just around the corner from me for several years. I looked upon him as one of my closest friends in this body. When I say that, however, I realize that his great capacity for firm and solid friendships would lead many others on both sides of the aisle to reach the same conclusion about their personal relationship with him.

On a couple of occasions, he invited me to his district to speak. There I learned that the same qualities which endeared him to us were manifest in his constituency. I have rarely visited a Congressman who seemed to have generated such genuine enthusiasm among his political associates and supporters. That situation, of course, came about not alone because of his personable qualities but because of the innate sincerity of the man and the faithfulness to his tasks which characterized his service in this House. He was a man of deep and firm convictions who was perfectly willing to stand alone or with a small group if he felt he was right. Although extremely popular in this House, he was not one to follow the crowd. He thought through for himself the great problems which we all have to face and reached his conclusion regarding them, based solely upon his conviction of what was best for the country he loved and served so ably.

To his gracious wife, Betty, and his family, and to the people of the Second Congressional District of New Jersey, I join in extending deepest sympathy in their irrevocable loss.

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that we contemplate the untimely passing of our good and respected friend, T. MILLET HAND, and I know that I am joined by every Member of this body in mourning this loss as irreparable.

If there was one thing that marked MILLET HAND, aside from his unquestioned talents as a distinguished legislator, it was his unfailing cheerfulness which seemed to be fed by a deep fountain of respect and regard for his fellowmen. There must have been times when troubles assailed him, as they do all of us, but there was never any indication from his bearing or manner that, so far as he was concerned, he ever doubted that "God is in his heaven and all is right with the world."

We shall miss this stalwart and warmhearted friend, and I know that I speak for many of my constituents, since he was well and favorably known in my home county, when I say that his passing constitutes a grievous loss to us. Indeed, we are all joined in prayerful solicitation of the Master that He will grant to his beloved helpmate the consolation that comes from the assurance that we mourn with her and for her.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I desire to join those here today in paying tribute to the memory of MILLET HAND, one of the outstanding Members of the House of Representatives.

Let me say simply and briefly that he was a man of great sincerity; of real courage and high principle.

I am sure the people of his district in New Jersey realize the loss they have sustained in his untimely death. I know that I shall miss him on the House floor.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, it was indeed a great shock to me to learn that my good friend, MILLET HAND, of New

Jersey, had been called to the Great Beyond. It seemed to me almost beyond understanding that a man so fine and with so much in this life to give should be taken from us. But it was our Master's will, not for me or for anyone to question. It was for a purpose which we may not today understand but which someday we will know.

We are selfish. We grieve when we find taken from us those who are our friends, who mean so much to us, and who are contributing to our enjoyment of life. In my grief for the loss of MILLET HAND I admit to my selfishness, but well knowing that he has entered into the Great Beyond of immeasurable peace and joy.

MILLET was an extremely able Member of this body, who contributed much to our work. He was an accomplished lawyer and an effective legislator. He was a man who sought always to serve his district and his country. I consider him one of the finest men to come to Congress, and I cannot possibly relate how much he made his influence felt upon me, and upon all of us. He will be greatly missed not only by his family, not only by his constituents whom he so ably served, but will be greatly missed by all of us who had the privilege of being associated with him.

Mrs. DWYER. Mr. Speaker, while I was not privileged to serve in the Congress with Representative T. MILLET HAND, I did know him and his good works in common with all my colleagues of the New Jersey State Legislature. We were very proud of his distinguished record of service in the House of Representatives for the past 12 years.

Mr. HAND was indeed a characterful, able, and dedicated legislator and I have been deeply impressed by the most sincere and touching tributes paid him by those who have been so close to him in the work of this great legislative body.

Mr. HAND's untimely passing is a great loss to his district, our State, and our Nation. To Mrs. Hand and the family I extend my profound sympathy in their great sorrow.

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, one is not elected, and six times reelected, to represent any district of a great State such as New Jersey unless he is endowed with personal qualities commanding the admiration, respect, and affection of people in all walks of life.

MILLET HAND, by background and education, was fitted for the high office he held, and his gentlemanly charm and simplicity endeared him to those who were permitted to know him best. The loss his wife and family have sustained we can well understand, and while our sympathy cannot lessen their sorrow, they must know that we, as his colleagues, share it.

Mr. SCRIVNER. Mr. Speaker, no matter how touching may be our tribute, our words can, in no way, lessen the loss suffered by his loved ones in the passing of our friend and colleague, T. MILLET HAND.

Representative HAND was a serious, earnest, hard-working member of the Appropriations Committee. His advice, admonitions, and observations on matters before us were listened to with respect, and most often, heeded with pleasure because we knew they were sound and based on judgment derived from facts and not a preconceived idea.

There can be no doubt but that his zealous attention to the duties of his office was a contributing factor to his all too short span of life.

Though his service in the House was short, he made a record which any successor will find difficult to equal.

And, so, Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, we extend our sympathy to his loved ones in their sorrowful hours.

Mr. McDONOUGH. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of T. MILLET HAND was a shock to me and a great loss to the House and the Nation.

MILLET HAND and I came to Congress together in the 79th Congress. I learned to know and respect him by close association and frequent contact.

He was a capable, efficient, and valuable Member of the House, and of the Appropriations Committee. He was a good American and proud of his privilege to serve his country. His judgment was sound and his knowledge of legislation and his support of issues that were good for the welfare and progress of the people of this Nation was the major part of the fine record he made here.

I shall personally miss him and regret that he will not be with us to help solve the many difficult problems we face.

My sincere condolences go to his beloved wife and family.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, may I join with other Members of the House of Representatives in paying tribute to the memory of the late T. MILLET HAND. Much has been said previously by my colleagues, but I did not want to let the opportunity pass of taking note of the life and work of this distinguished legislator. It was my honor and privilege to serve with him as a member of the House Committee on Appropriations. I developed a profound respect for his objectivity and his unshakable courage. He believed in the old-fashioned principles of American democracy, and he would not waver from these principles by reason of political considerations or otherwise.

His congressional district and the Nation have lost a valiant friend.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow at the passing of my good friend, MILLET HAND. We were associated on the Appropriations Committee and it was my high privilege to serve with him on the Public Works Subcommittee. He was a student and a scholar who used with singular effectiveness his rich storehouse of information to advance the cause of justice and truth. He was a wise man, a man of courage and absolute integrity. It is very difficult to try to find appropriate words to say about a friend who was taken from us in the full vigor of his life, but MILLET HAND was a loyal

friend, who needed no assurances and made no demands; a patriot who served his country well. He made a record of service to his country which brought distinction to himself and to his family. I join his many friends in the House in extending deepest sympathy to those left to mourn his loss.

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, like all Members of the House, I was truly shocked and greatly distressed, upset and grieved by the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague and my dear friend, Congressman T. MILLET HAND.

Congressman HAND's sudden demise was a real tragedy. He was apparently in the best of health and at the peak of his powers when he was called to his Maker. I knew MILLET HAND very well and greatly admired him. During the time he was a Member of this body, I was privileged to know him as a good friend. He was devoted to his work, and assiduous and diligent in performing his duties. His background, training and experience admirably fitted him for the public service, and he was possessed of highest character, great ability and unsurpassed patriotism. To a very rare degree, he commanded the respect, confidence, esteem and affection of the Members of the House.

Always firm in his convictions, he was endowed with that somewhat unusual quality of understanding the point of view of those who held different opinions to his own, and he never permitted narrow provincialism, bias or intolerance of any kind to warp his judgments.

He was a man of humane and generous impulses, invariably considerate of his fellow Members and constituents. He was cooperative and understanding of the special individual problems of his colleagues and willing to assist and generously give of himself regarding any cause in which he became interested. His work on the flood control panel of the important House Appropriations Committee was exceptionally noteworthy, and I will personally never forget his ready response to the plight of my own constituents, and the people

of the Northeast area, when we were seeking congressional assistance following the great flood disaster of 1955.

MILLET HAND was a rugged character of broad and many interests. He had a high concept of his duty as a Member of this body and held unswervingly to his principles and ideals. He was profoundly interested in the Nation and its people and its teeming life, and he was an especially devoted follower of American sports and athletics and other activities of our younger people.

I may say, Mr. Speaker, that I know how keenly the House feels his loss because he leaves a void in this body and in our hearts which will be very difficult to fill. He has made a great, inspiring record as Congressman that will stand permanently for his family and the country as a measure of his devotion, ability, zeal, and love of American institutions. But even more than that, measured in terms of personal values, he leaves a proud legacy that is not too commonly found in the world of today of warm friendships, of loyalty, of unselfish regard for his associates and love of his family and his fellow man.

His gracious and loving wife who was always by his side and who was such a strong inspiration to him in his life and work has sustained a very great personal loss. My heart and I am sure, the hearts of all of us go out to her in her most sorrowful bereavement. To her and Congressman HAND'S entire family and his people, I extend most sincere sympathy and express the hope and the prayer that the good Lord in his kindness and mercy will comfort and strengthen them to bear their irreparable loss with that measure of fortitude and courage with which MILLET HAND faced the problems of his own life.

The memory of MILLET HAND will long endure in the halls of this great deliberative body where he served so ably and faithfully, and in the hearts of all his friends and colleagues who held for him such deep and genuine feelings of respect, esteem, and affection.

May he find peace and rest in his eternal reward.

THOMAS MILLET HAND

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, it was with heavy heart that I returned to Washington at the opening of this session of Congress because, since we had last assembled, I had lost a good friend.

I was only one of a great host of persons who counted themselves friends of our late colleague, MILLET HAND. I first became associated with him in our work on the Appropriations Committee in the 83d Congress and learned to know him better as our work on that committee progressed. I admired MILLET for his straight thinking, his lofty idealism, and his love of humanity. He was the type of a man a freshman Congressman would seek out if he wanted to follow in the footsteps of a legislator who held the great admiration and respect of his constituents.

I admired him for his conscientious devotion to the affairs of the people he represented and his sober approach to the business of the world's greatest government.

From him I feel I inherited an example of patriotic devotion akin to that of other great statesmen who so ably served their country in this body.

MILLET HAND will be greatly missed in New Jersey; and in the Halls of Congress, I will miss him as a personal friend. I wish to convey my deepest sympathy to his widow, Betty, and to members of his family.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 17, 1957, at 12 o'clock noon.

THURSDAY, *January 17, 1957.*

Mr. O'HARA of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, the year of 1956 has taken a heavy toll of membership in the House. All of us were shocked at the announcement of the death of our colleague, MILLET HAND.

I considered him my personal friend. He was an industrious, effective, conscientious Member of the House. His record of public service both before becoming a Member of Congress and during the years he served here was one of the highest order. It is tragic that at the age of 54 years, in the very prime of his life, he should suddenly be called, for MILLET HAND had not only a splendid background as an able lawyer before entering Congress but, as is true of many Members, he developed with his experience in the Congress.

MILLET HAND was not only a sincere and honest friend, but he was an honest, logical thinker of strong convictions. I often admired him for his voting record and his strong adherence to voting as he thought was best for the United States. This independence and courage endeared him to his own people, as shown by the increasing majorities by which he was returned to Congress.

MILLET HAND had many fine qualities that endeared him to his friends and his constituents. He at all times conducted himself with dignity, and yet he was very humane and kind and possessed a delightful sense of humor. It could truly be said of him that his qualities were so mixed as to give him the ideal makeup for a Member of Congress.

To his wife and to his son, I convey my deepest sympathy.

His district and the State of New Jersey have lost a splendid legislator, and the country has lost a devoted and patriotic son.

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MONDAY, *January 7, 1957.*

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution coming from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 15) as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable T. MILLET HAND, a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. President, it is with great sorrow that I announce the death of the Honorable T. MILLET HAND, a Representative in the Congress from the Second District of New Jersey.

In submitting the appropriate resolution, I wish to say that Representative HAND was one of my closest friends, and I had known him for many years. He was one of the most outstanding legislators we have had in Congress for the past 10 or 12 years.

In his memory, I send a resolution to the desk which I ask unanimous consent to have immediately considered.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 8) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. T. MILLET HAND, late a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday next.

Mr. CASE of New Jersey. Mr. President. I wish to join my colleague in sponsoring the resolution which was just agreed to.

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